GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3836
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
UPGRADE THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any pilot project to augment and upgrade the accident and emergency services in states hospitals in accident prone areas of National Highways;

(b) if so, main features of the project;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala have submitted any proposal to the Union Government under the said project;

(d) if so, details of the proposal submitted;

(e) when was the said proposal submitted; and

(f) the Government decision on the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A pilot project to augment the Accident & Emergency Services in selected State Government hospitals located in the cities situated on the National Highways has been taken up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The aim of the scheme is to augment the Accident & Emergency Service by release of grants-in-aid to the maximum of Rs.1.50 crores to the State Governments for:

i) Purchase of well equipped Ambulance and basic essential equipments required for Accident & Trauma Services;
ii) Communication System;
iii) Infrastructure (Blood Bank, Examination Room, Resuscitation, ICU & Burn Beds (7), X-Ray Room, Reception, Control, Minor (OT); and
iv) Beds & Equipments.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have received a proposal from Government of Kerala in February, 2000 seeking financial assistance to the tune of Rs.1.50 crores for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities at General Hospital, Ernakulam. Due to financial constraint, the proposal of Government of Kerala could not be considered for providing financial assistance. As and when funds are available, the proposal of Government of Kerala will be considered.